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## **Board of Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting**

**August 23, 2022**

Conducted in person and remotely via Microsoft Teams

**Board of Supervisor attending:** Chair Abel Camarena, Vice Chair Teresa Smith de Cherif, Treasurer Joseph Moya, and Supervisor Gail Goodman, Duana Draszkiwicz Richard Bonine.

**Others attending:** District Staff: Director Andrew Hautzinger, Conservation Manager Johnny Chavez, Business Manager Megan Owen, and Education Manager Laura McCann. District Conservationist Nick Goodman and Soil Conservationist April Luna from the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS); New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) Technical Specialist Katie Mechenbier; and President of the Friends of Whitfield Linda Frazer also attended. The guest speaker was Don Phillips.

**Call to Order:** Chair Abel Camarena called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

- 1) **VERIFY QUORUM, CONDUCT PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND AGENDA REVIEW:** Chair Camarena verified that all Supervisors were present, constituting a quorum. Chairman Camarena led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting agenda was reviewed. Vice Chair Smith de Cherif moved to approve the agenda, as revised (item 9 to be discussed before item 7); Treasurer Moya seconded. A roll call vote was conducted: Smith de Cherif—yes; Bonine—yes; Draszkiwicz—yes; Goodman—yes; Camarena—yes. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES:** Supervisor Bonine moved to approve the minutes; Vice Chair Smith de Cherif seconded. A roll call vote was conducted: Smith de Cherif—yes; Bonine—yes; Moya—yes; Goodman—abstain; Draszkiwicz—yes; Camarena—yes. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None received.
- 4) **DISTRICT STAFF MONTHLY REPORT:** Director Andrew Hautzinger, Conservation Manager Johnny Chavez, Business Manager Megan Owen, and Education Manager Laura McCann presented highlights of their reports. The full staff reports are available on the District's website and will be attached to these monthly meeting minutes.

- 5) UPDATES/PARTNER REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER: NMDA Technical Specialist Mechenbier presented highlights from her monthly report. NRCS Conservationist Goodman volunteered to participate in the NM Envirothon, announced job openings, and indicated the Local Work Group Meeting is tentatively set for September 20<sup>th</sup>. Friends of Whitfield President Frazer shared they have a new Vice President (Rex Reilly) and stated that treasurer Beth Crowder is resigning. The New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts (NMACD) will hold its Annual Meeting at the Albuquerque Uptown Sheraton, from November 7-9, 2022.
- 6) LAND USE PLAN COMMITTEE PRESENTATION: Committee Chair Bonine introduced the guest speaker, Don Phillips, a retired geologist who briefed the Board about the geology of the Rio Grande Rift, oil and gas exploration in New Mexico, and the risks of earthquakes and water contamination from fracking. The Committee will continue its research on this matter and report back to the Board at the next regular meeting.
- 7) TREASURER'S REPORT (Budget and Accounting):
  - a) July 2022 Reconciliation Detail: Supervisor Bonine moved to accept the July 2022 Reconciliation Report; Supervisor Draszkievicz seconded. A roll call vote was conducted: Smith de Cherif—yes; Moya—yes; Bonine—yes; Goodman—yes; Draszkievicz—yes; Camarena—yes. Motion carried unanimously.
  - b) Sale of the old tractor: Vice Chair Smith de Cherif moved to approve the sale of the old Ford/New Holland tractor to the City of Rio Communities; Supervisor Bonine seconded. A roll call vote was conducted: Smith de Cherif—yes; Moya—yes; Bonine—yes; Goodman—yes; Draszkievicz—yes; Camarena—yes. Motion carried unanimously.

*Vice Chair Smith de Cherif and Treasurer Moya left the meeting at 6:25 p.m., owing to prior personal commitments.*

- c) Funds for District operations. Supervisor Bonine moved to accept the list of operational needs (for details, see the three tables within the August 23, 2022 Director's Memo to the Board, which will be attached to these monthly minutes); Supervisor Draszkievicz seconded. A roll call vote was conducted: Bonine—yes; Goodman—no; Draszkievicz—yes; Camarena—yes. Motion failed per lack of quorum. Supervisor Bonine then moved to approve \$5,760 to match YDI's funding for our field crew member (as outlined in table 2); Supervisor Draszkievicz seconded. A roll call vote was conducted: Bonine—yes; Draszkievicz—yes; Goodman--yes; Camarena—yes. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Bonine further moved to approve \$2,760 in funding for EVUGP staff and interns (as shown on table 3); Supervisor Draszkievicz seconded. A roll call vote was conducted: Bonine—yes; Goodman—yes; Draszkievicz—yes; Camarena—yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Supervisor Bonine moved to adjourn; Supervisor Draszkievicz seconded. A roll call vote was conducted: Bonine—yes; Goodman—yes; Draszkievicz—yes; Camarena—yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

**Signatures:**

Abel Camarena, Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Andrew Hautzinger, District Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_